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Honourable Speaker:

Section 13 of the *Election Act* requires the Chief Electoral Officer to present a report following each election.

I have the honour to submit the Report of the Chief Electoral Officer on the Surrey-Panorama Ridge By-election, held on October 28, 2004.

This report includes an overview of the by-election, official results, summaries of election financing reports and the costs of administering the by-election.

Respectfully submitted,

Harry Neufeld
Chief Electoral Officer

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# Overview of Surrey-Panorama Ridge By-election

## Order for a by-election

On May 23, 2004, Gulzar Cheema resigned as the MLA for the electoral district of Surrey-Panorama Ridge.

Pursuant to section 35 of the *Constitution Act*, the Speaker issued a warrant to the Chief Electoral Officer for the issue of a writ for a by-election. The Chief Electoral Officer received the warrant on Tuesday, May 25, 2004. A writ for a by-election must be issued within six months after receipt of the warrant by the Chief Electoral Officer.

On Thursday, September 30, 2004, in accordance with Order in Council 959, a writ of election was issued by the Chief Electoral Officer to Hank Pulles, District Electoral Officer for the Surrey-Panorama Ridge electoral district. The writ ordered that the election be held on Thursday, October 28, 2004.

## Calendar of events

An order from the Lieutenant Governor in Council to the Chief Electoral Officer for a by-election sets a calendar of events prescribed by the *Election Act*. An election is called when the writ for the election is issued. General Voting Day for an election is the 28th day after the date on which the election is called.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Day 0 | Writ Day | Thursday, September 30, 2004 |
| Day 6 | Nomination period begins | Wednesday, October 6, 2004 |
| Day 7 | General voter registration closes | Thursday, October 7, 2004 |
| Day 14 | Revised list of voters produced | Thursday, October 14, 2004 |
| Day 15 | Nomination period closes | Friday, October 15, 2004 |
| Day 20 | Advance Voting begins | Wednesday, October 20, 2004 |
| Day 23 | Advance Voting ends | Saturday, October 23, 2004 |
| Day 28 | General Voting Day | Thursday, October 28, 2004 |
| Day 41 | Final Count begins | Wednesday, November 10, 2004 |
| Day 50 | Return Day | Friday, November 19, 2004 |
| Day 118 | Financing report filing deadline | Wednesday, January 26, 2005 |

## Nomination of candidates

Nomination of candidates closed at 1:00 p.m. Pacific time on October 15, 2004. There were six candidates nominated. No standing nominations were filed with the Chief Electoral Officer under section 57 of the *Election Act*. Below are the candidates and their affiliation in the order in which they appeared on the ballot.

| Candidates | Political Affiliation | Abbreviation |
|---|---|---|
| ABRAHAM, Shirley Ann | Reform BC | RP |
| BRAR, Jagrup | New Democratic Party of B.C. | NDP |
| CARR, Adriane | Green Party of BC | GP |
| EVANS, David James | BC Conservative Party | CP |
| PAL, Joe | Independent | IND |
| POLAK, Mary | BC Liberal Party | LIB |

## Provision for voter registration and voting

To register to vote in a provincial election in British Columbia, an individual must be a Canadian citizen, be 18 years or older on General Voting Day, have been a resident of British Columbia for at least six months before General Voting Day, and not be disqualified from voting in an election. A registered voter who ceases to meet any of the qualifications is not entitled to continue to be registered.

On September 14, 2004, Elections BC launched Online Voter Registration. This new and innovative tool was designed to encourage voters to register and keep their registration current by providing a registration opportunity that is convenient, efficient and available 24 hours a day. The Web site is secure; information provided by individuals is encrypted so that it can't be read or intercepted by other people. Online Voter Registration was promoted through Elections BC's Web site and by-election advertisements in local newspapers.

During the Surrey-Panorama Ridge by-election, general registration closed on Thursday, October 7, 2004. Registration closes on the seventh day after an election is called to allow for updating of the voters list and printing of voting books. General registration opens again on the third day after General Voting Day.

Under section 41 of the *Election Act*, voter registration and updating is available at all voting opportunities for qualified individuals who are not registered or who are no longer registered at the correct address. To register in conjunction with voting, applicants are required to present two pieces of identification showing, in combination, their name, current residential address and signature.

During an election period the voters list is revised to add new voters, update voter registration information, or remove voters from the voters list. The total number of registered voters in the electoral district on the preliminary voters list produced as of Writ Day was 22,906.

During the general registration period between September 30 and October 7, 2004, 258 voters were added to the voters list and 14 voters were removed. There were 548 updates to existing voter records during this period. Following the general registration period, there were 23,150 registered voters on the revised voters list.

There were 2,803 voter registration transactions made at the time of voting, resulting in 1,047 new registrations and 1,756 updates to existing registrations. At the close of voting on General Voting Day, a total of 24,197 voters were registered in the electoral district, including the registrations in conjunction with voting.

The *Election Act* provides British Columbians the most extensive voting opportunities of any jurisdiction in Canada. One Advance Voting location and thirteen General Voting locations were provided during the by-election. Voting was also available in the district electoral office and by mail. The table below shows the number of voters that used the various voting opportunities available. Absentee Voting outside the electoral district under sections 100 and 101 was not applicable in this by-election; these voting opportunities are only available during a general election or during concurrent by-elections.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Advance Voting | 1,540 | 12.25% |
| General Voting | 10,917 | 86.80% |
| Special Voting (s.98) | 0 | 0.00% |
| Absentee Voting in ED (s.99) | 53 | 0.42% |
| Voting in DEO office (s.104) | 56 | 0.44% |
| Voting by mail (s.106) | 11 | 0.09% |
| **Total valid votes** | **12,577** | **100.00%** |

Voter turnout at the Surrey-Panorama Ridge by-election was 52.15% of registered voters.

## Public information

The *Election Act* requires the Chief Electoral Officer to ensure the electoral process is accessible and inclusive. To inform eligible voters in the Surrey-Panorama Ridge by-election of the many registration and voting opportunities available to them, a comprehensive communications strategy was developed. This included advertising in local newspapers, the distribution of an information flyer to every residential household in the electoral district, a comprehensive Web site, the distribution of Where to Vote Information Cards, and extended hours of the 1-800 call centre.

The 1-800 call centre was operational from September 30 until the close of voting on October 28. Operators were available Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. During the 29 day campaign period, the 1-800 call centre received 1,480 calls. The number of visits to Elections BC's Web site averaged between 15,000 and 20,000 per day during the campaign period, with a peak of 152,000 on General Voting Day.

In an effort to reach all qualified voters, Elections BC undertook a new initiative. A total of 9,500 Where to Vote Information Cards were sent to 'empty' residential addresses in the Surrey-Panorama Ridge electoral district that did not have any

registered voters. The intent was to make all potential voters aware of the voting qualifications, the location of their assigned voting place, and the opportunity to register in conjunction with voting.

Three advertisements were placed in local newspapers in the Surrey-Panorama electoral district providing voters with information on registration opportunities, voting opportunities, and candidate information. As the Surrey-Panorama Ridge electoral district has a large Indo-Canadian population, these advertisements were also translated into Punjabi and placed in local ethnic newspapers.

## Summary of results

Ballots from Advance Voting and General Voting are counted at Initial Count, following the close of voting on General Voting Day. Ballots contained in certification envelopes from other voting opportunities such as Absentee Voting and Special Voting are considered at Final Count. Final Count usually begins 12 days after General Voting Day.

Final Count for the by-election was conducted by the District Electoral Officer on Wednesday, November 10, 2004. The *Election Act* requires a delay of six days between the conclusion of Final Count and the return of the writ of election. This delay provides time for a candidate, voter or the District Electoral Officer to request a judicial recount. The writ was returned on Friday, November 19, 2004.

| Candidate | Political Affiliation | Total Valid Votes | % of Popular vote |
|---|---|---|---|
| ABRAHAM, Shirley Ann | Reform | 246 | 1.96 |
| BRAR, Jagrup | New Democratic Party of B.C. | 6,740 | 53.59 |
| CARR, Adriane | Green Party of BC | 1,053 | 8.37 |
| EVANS, David James | BC Conservative Party | 276 | 2.19 |
| PAL, Joe | Independent | 68 | 0.54 |
| POLAK, Mary | BC Liberal Party | 4,194 | 33.35 |
| | | **12,577** | **100.00** |

On November 19, 2004, the Chief Electoral Officer certified to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly the election of Jagrup Brar as the Member of the Legislative Assembly for the electoral district of Surrey-Panorama Ridge.

## Voting results

The following pages contain the detailed voting results of the October 28, 2004, Surrey-Panorama Ridge by-election by voting area, as well as a map of the electoral district.

Each voting area is represented by a number. Some voting area numbers are followed by a letter. Voting areas followed by the letters A through E represent a voting area that was divided in size due to an increase in voter population.. Voting areas followed by the letter S indicate a special voting area established for some intermediate and long-term care facilities.

| | Shirley Ann Abraham RP | Jagrup Brar NDP | Adriane Carr GP | David James Evans CP | Joe Pal IND | Mary Polak LIB | Total Valid Votes | Rejected Ballots | No. of Registered Voters |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Advance Voting** | | | | | | | | | |
| Newton Library | 25 | 1,174 | 69 | 8 | 5 | 259 | 1,540 | 13 | |
| **General Voting** | | | | | | | | | |
| **Voting Area** | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | 1 | 23 | 10 | 2 | 0 | 18 | 54 | 0 | 186 |
| 2 | 1 | 25 | 8 | 2 | 0 | 26 | 62 | 0 | 156 |
| 3 | 1 | 90 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 18 | 111 | 0 | 264 |
| 4 | 2 | 82 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 11 | 103 | 0 | 259 |
| 5 | 2 | 77 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 19 | 101 | 1 | 216 |
| 6 | 1 | 114 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 41 | 164 | 0 | 355 |
| 7 | 4 | 37 | 16 | 3 | 1 | 23 | 84 | 0 | 186 |
| 8 | 2 | 40 | 7 | 3 | 1 | 16 | 69 | 0 | 173 |
| 9 | 4 | 27 | 8 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 48 | 0 | 190 |
| 10 | 1 | 40 | 13 | 1 | 3 | 18 | 76 | 0 | 254 |
| 11 | 2 | 27 | 10 | 2 | 0 | 23 | 64 | 0 | 153 |
| 12 | 2 | 32 | 10 | 3 | 0 | 18 | 65 | 0 | 185 |
| 13 | 1 | 63 | 8 | 5 | 0 | 30 | 107 | 0 | 251 |
| 14 | 5 | 82 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 100 | 1 | 219 |
| 15 | 2 | 73 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 24 | 104 | 0 | 289 |
| 16 | 1 | 74 | 9 | 1 | 0 | 40 | 125 | 1 | 287 |
| 17 | 4 | 72 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 67 | 149 | 1 | 302 |
| 18 | 0 | 66 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 29 | 102 | 1 | 263 |
| 19 | 1 | 53 | 11 | 4 | 1 | 38 | 108 | 0 | 215 |
| 20 | 2 | 59 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 28 | 98 | 2 | 241 |
| 21 *1 | 4 | 41 | 15 | 7 | 3 | 53 | 123 | 0 | 239 |
| 22S *1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 124 |
| 23 | 0 | 41 | 10 | 3 | 1 | 19 | 74 | 0 | 227 |
| 24 | 0 | 16 | 16 | 1 | 0 | 14 | 47 | 1 | 138 |
| 25 | 5 | 42 | 17 | 5 | 0 | 22 | 91 | 1 | 204 |
| 26 | 2 | 48 | 7 | 4 | 1 | 28 | 90 | 0 | 207 |
| 27 | 0 | 59 | 13 | 0 | 2 | 30 | 104 | 0 | 276 |
| 28 | 1 | 84 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 25 | 119 | 0 | 286 |
| 29A | 1 | 63 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 74 | 0 | 199 |
| 29B | 0 | 45 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 58 | 0 | 176 |
| 30 | 0 | 72 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 21 | 96 | 0 | 241 |
| 31A | 0 | 88 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 96 | 1 | 229 |
| 31B | 0 | 60 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 67 | 1 | 195 |
| 32 | 0 | 61 | 10 | 8 | 0 | 38 | 117 | 0 | 344 |
| 33A | 0 | 79 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 16 | 105 | 1 | 252 |
| 33B | 5 | 30 | 6 | 2 | 0 | 33 | 76 | 1 | 229 |
| 34 | 0 | 98 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 19 | 120 | 2 | 273 |
| 35A | 2 | 81 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 89 | 0 | 190 |
| 35B | 0 | 77 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 88 | 0 | 208 |
| 35C | 1 | 71 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 18 | 97 | 0 | 201 |
| 35D | 0 | 66 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 12 | 79 | 0 | 143 |
| 35E | 1 | 33 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 17 | 58 | 0 | 188 |
| 36 | 4 | 94 | 14 | 6 | 1 | 32 | 151 | 3 | 297 |
| 37 | 7 | 56 | 13 | 4 | 2 | 35 | 117 | 0 | 266 |
| 38 | 5 | 62 | 8 | 3 | 0 | 25 | 103 | 1 | 229 |
| 39 | 7 | 66 | 13 | 2 | 1 | 32 | 121 | 0 | 262 |
| 40 | 4 | 58 | 10 | 1 | 0 | 26 | 99 | 0 | 225 |
| 41 | 4 | 64 | 10 | 2 | 1 | 24 | 105 | 0 | 228 |
| 42S *1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 30 |
| 43 | 1 | 31 | 8 | 3 | 1 | 19 | 63 | 0 | 272 |

*1 Voting Areas 21, 22S and 42S combined

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| General Voting (continued) | Shirley Ann Abraham RP | Jagrup Brar NDP | Adriane Carr GP | David James Evans CP | Joe Pal IND | Mary Polak LIB | Total Valid Votes | Rejected Ballots | No. of Registered Voters |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 44 | 0 | 12 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 15 | 34 | 0 | 117 |
| 45 | 3 | 58 | 17 | 4 | 1 | 43 | 126 | 0 | 311 |
| 46 | 4 | 25 | 5 | 3 | 0 | 21 | 58 | 1 | 141 |
| 47 | 0 | 41 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 25 | 70 | 0 | 158 |
| 48 | 0 | 43 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 35 | 86 | 1 | 212 |
| 49 | 1 | 36 | 18 | 2 | 0 | 95 | 152 | 0 | 254 |
| 50 | 4 | 50 | 26 | 1 | 0 | 60 | 141 | 0 | 256 |
| 51 | 5 | 32 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 45 | 87 | 0 | 178 |
| 52 | 0 | 60 | 8 | 6 | 2 | 34 | 110 | 0 | 263 |
| 53 | 5 | 64 | 26 | 3 | 1 | 30 | 129 | 0 | 281 |
| 54 | 1 | 52 | 14 | 2 | 2 | 40 | 111 | 0 | 226 |
| 55 | 2 | 117 | 16 | 4 | 0 | 45 | 184 | 0 | 340 |
| 56 | 3 | 65 | 15 | 2 | 1 | 46 | 132 | 0 | 247 |
| 57 | 5 | 99 | 28 | 6 | 4 | 41 | 183 | 1 | 304 |
| 58 | 2 | 105 | 8 | 4 | 0 | 25 | 144 | 0 | 284 |
| 59A | 0 | 48 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 17 | 66 | 1 | 166 |
| 59B | 1 | 68 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 87 | 0 | 193 |
| 59C | 0 | 79 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 27 | 115 | 0 | 248 |
| 59D | 2 | 90 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 39 | 133 | 1 | 263 |
| 60 | 7 | 32 | 12 | 4 | 0 | 89 | 144 | 0 | 293 |
| 61A | 2 | 85 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 15 | 110 | 0 | 190 |
| 61B | 0 | 80 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 94 | 0 | 189 |
| 62 | 3 | 35 | 13 | 3 | 1 | 88 | 143 | 1 | 290 |
| 63 | 1 | 56 | 16 | 1 | 1 | 56 | 131 | 0 | 253 |
| 64 | 3 | 50 | 14 | 7 | 0 | 96 | 170 | 0 | 330 |
| 65 | 3 | 43 | 24 | 3 | 0 | 92 | 165 | 0 | 298 |
| 66 | 2 | 34 | 14 | 5 | 0 | 58 | 113 | 0 | 201 |
| 67 | 2 | 52 | 19 | 5 | 1 | 95 | 174 | 0 | 320 |
| 68A | 6 | 49 | 9 | 8 | 1 | 91 | 164 | 0 | 327 |
| 68B | 3 | 71 | 10 | 4 | 0 | 27 | 115 | 0 | 265 |
| 69 | 2 | 42 | 15 | 2 | 1 | 99 | 161 | 0 | 268 |
| 70 | 2 | 70 | 31 | 3 | 1 | 119 | 226 | 0 | 359 |
| 71 | 3 | 60 | 5 | 6 | 0 | 28 | 102 | 0 | 262 |
| 72 | 2 | 41 | 27 | 2 | 0 | 91 | 163 | 0 | 306 |
| 73 | 5 | 49 | 23 | 1 | 0 | 149 | 227 | 0 | 348 |
| 74 | 1 | 70 | 11 | 5 | 1 | 62 | 150 | 0 | 294 |
| 75 | 2 | 68 | 8 | 3 | 0 | 44 | 125 | 0 | 245 |
| 76A | 3 | 60 | 9 | 2 | 0 | 34 | 108 | 1 | 282 |
| 76B | 0 | 46 | 7 | 4 | 0 | 46 | 103 | 1 | 241 |
| 77 | 7 | 68 | 19 | 8 | 1 | 89 | 192 | 0 | 302 |
| 78 | 0 | 44 | 8 | 12 | 2 | 52 | 118 | 0 | 284 |
| 79 | 2 | 9 | 7 | 0 | 3 | 40 | 61 | 0 | 145 |
| 80A | 6 | 48 | 14 | 4 | 0 | 82 | 154 | 0 | 357 |
| 80B | 1 | 29 | 16 | 6 | 0 | 58 | 110 | 0 | 213 |
| 81 *2. | 5 | 53 | 20 | 13 | 2 | 121 | 214 | 1 | 396 |
| 82 *2 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 33 |
| 83 | 1 | 31 | 10 | 1 | 0 | 18 | 61 | 0 | 174 |
| 84 | 2 | 16 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 23 | 51 | 0 | 142 |
| 85 | 1 | 17 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 38 | 64 | 0 | 183 |
| 86 | 0 | 25 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 62 | 94 | 0 | 192 |
| 87 | 1 | 31 | 13 | 1 | 1 | 27 | 74 | 0 | 184 |
| 88 | 9 | 38 | 8 | 7 | 1 | 104 | 167 | 0 | 367 |
| **Sub Totals** | **243** | **6,662** | **1,052** | **273** | **67** | **4,160** | **12,457** | **41** | **24,197** |

*2 Voting Areas 81 and 82 are combined

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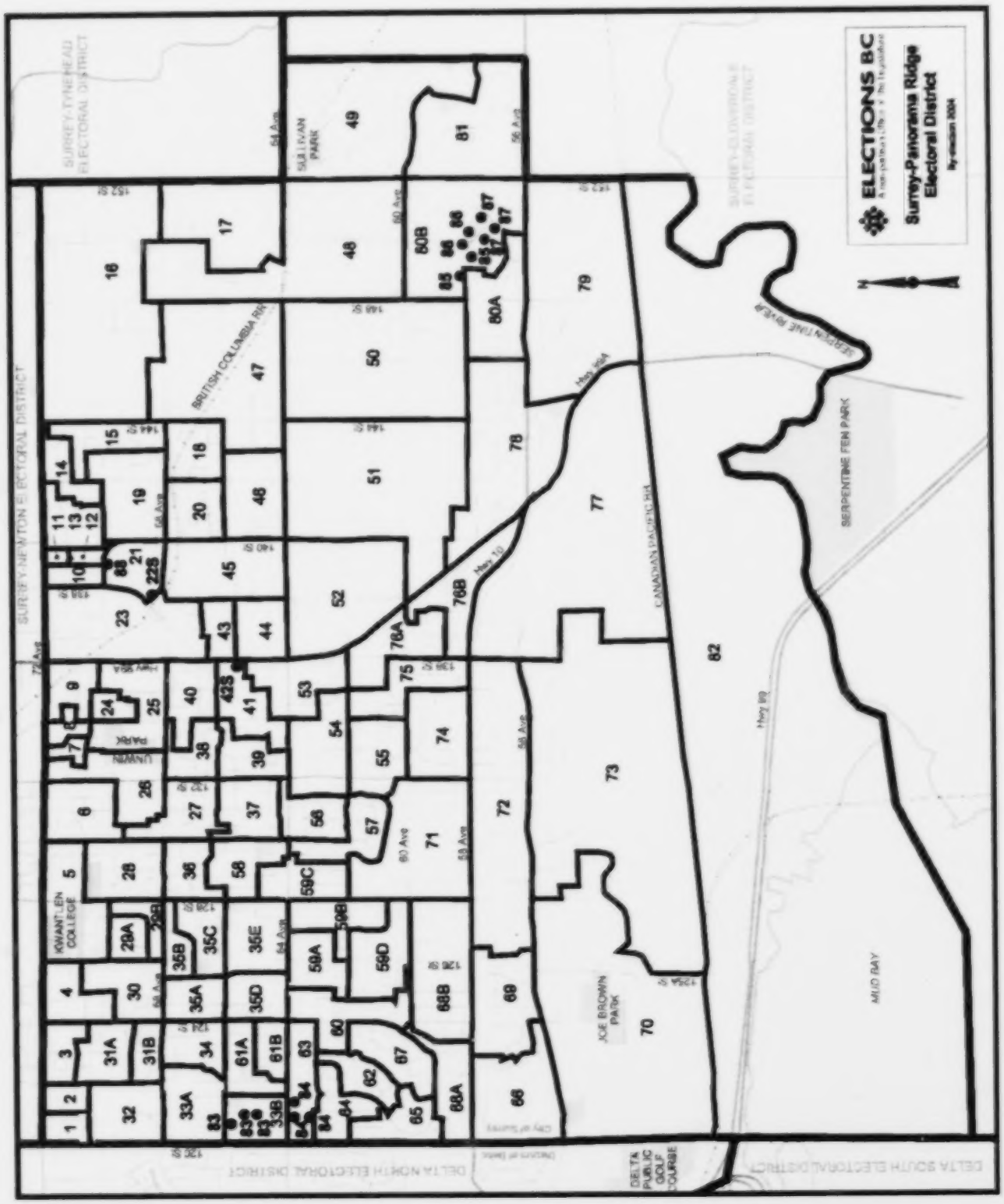
| | Shirley Ann Abraham RP | Jagrup Brar NDP | Adriane Carr GP | David James Evans CP | Joe Pal IND | Mary Polak LIB | Total Valid Votes | Rejected Ballots | No. of Registered Voters |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| s. 98 Mobiles | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - |
| s. 99 Absentee - in ED | 1 | 34 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 16 | 53 | 0 | - |
| s. 100 Absentee - out of ED | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - |
| s. 101 Absentee - Advance | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - |
| s. 104 Voting in DEO office | 0 | 38 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 16 | 56 | 0 | - |
| s. 106 Voting by mail | 2 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 11 | 0 | - |
| **Grand Totals** | **246** | **6,740** | **1,053** | **276** | **68** | **4,194** | **12,577** | **41** | **24,197** |
| % of Valid Votes | 1.96% | 53.59% | 8.37% | 2.19% | 0.54% | 33.35% | | | |

**Summary:**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Valid Votes - General and Advance | 12,457 | 99.05% | Total Valid Votes |
| s. 98 Special | 0 | 0.00% | Total Valid Votes |
| s. 99 Absentee - in ED | 53 | 0.42% | Total Valid Votes |
| s. 100 Absentee - out of ED | 0 | 0.00% | (Not applicable in this by-election) |
| s. 101 Absentee - Advance | 0 | 0.00% | (Not applicable to this by-election) |
| s. 104 Voting in DEO office | 56 | 0.44% | Total Valid Votes |
| s. 106 Voting by mail | 11 | 0.09% | Total Valid Votes |
| **Total Valid Votes** | 12,577 | 100.00% | |
| Total registered voters | 24,197 | | |
| Registered voters who voted | 12,618 | 52.15% | |
| Rejected ballots | 41 | 0.33% | |

**Candidate Elected:** Jagrup Brar (NDP)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Electoral District
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SURREY-NEWTON ELECTORAL DISTRICT
SURREY-ELLENDALE ELECTORAL DISTRICT
DELTA NORTH ELECTORAL DISTRICT
DELTA SOUTH ELECTORAL DISTRICT
SULLIVAN PARK
BRITISH COLUMBIA RR
CANADIAN PACIFIC RR
SERPENTINE FEN PARK
SERPENTINE RIVER
MUD BAY
JOE BROWN PARK
DELTA PUBLIC GOLF COURSE
KWANTLEN COLLEGE
LYNDEN PARK
Hwy 10
Hwy 99
54 Ave
56 Ave
60 Ave
64 Ave
72 Ave
120 St
128 St
136 St
140 St
144 St
152 St

# Election financing reports

## Introduction

The financial agents of a candidate, a registered political party represented by a candidate in the election and any associated registered constituency association must each file an election financing report with the Chief Electoral Officer within 90 days after General Voting Day. The filing deadline for the Surrey-Panorama Ridge by-election was January 26, 2005.

The following summaries include financial information from the original election financing reports received by the Chief Electoral Officer. Some election financing reports may have been amended since they were originally filed. The financial information in this report is the information filed by the financial agent and has not been reviewed to ensure accuracy or completeness. Elections BC does not include cents in the summaries; as a result there may be small differences from the original reports as a result of rounding.

If, during a campaign period, a registered election advertising sponsor sponsors election advertising with a value of $500 or more, an election advertising disclosure report must be filed with the Chief Electoral Officer within 90 days after General Voting Day.

### Election expenses limits

The base election expenses limit for candidates is $50,000. For registered political parties the expenses limit is $1.25 for every registered voter on the revised voters list for the electoral district. These base amounts are adjusted for changes to the consumer price index. On October 14, 2004, the date the revised list of voters was produced, there were 23,150 registered voters in the Surrey-Panorama Ridge electoral district. The election expenses limit for registered political parties was $33,012.01; for candidates $57,037.72. Election advertising sponsors are not limited in how much they may spend in an election.

### Registered political parties

The election financing information provided in this report includes both the total inflows and outflows. Total inflows and total outflows may not be equal. The most common cause of such a difference for registered political parties is when assets held prior to the campaign period are used, and therefore reported as election expenses but not as inflows. In addition, total inflows may be greater than total outflows because the reporting periods are different. Total inflows include five components. The first four components include income from January 1, 2004, until the close of voting on General Voting Day (October 28, 2004). Other income is miscellaneous income related to the election only.

**Political contributions** – an amount of money or the value of any property or services provided without compensation by way of donation, advance, deposit, discount or otherwise.

**Fundraising income** – the portion of income from fundraising functions that is not reported as political contributions.

**Transfers received** – non-reciprocal receipts of money, goods or services from a registered constituency association or a candidate.

**Loans received** – the original amount of loans received for election expenses. Some or all of the loan may have been repaid.

**Other income** – income related to the election from miscellaneous sources.

Total outflows are related to the campaign only and are segregated as follows:

**Election expenses subject to limits** – the value of property or services used during a campaign period, by or on behalf of a registered political party, registered constituency association or a candidate to promote or oppose a registered political party or a candidate (e.g. advertising and office expenses). The campaign period is the time between when an election is called and the close of General Voting. The *Election Act* limits the amount a registered political party or candidate can spend on election expenses.

**Election expenses not subject to limits** – election expenses specifically excluded from the election expense limit (e.g. audit fees). This type of expense is described in section 203 of the *Election Act*.

**Transfers given** – non-reciprocal provision of money, goods or services to a registered constituency association or a candidate.

## Registered constituency associations

Registered constituency associations are prohibited from incurring election expenses, except on behalf of a nominee prior to that individual becoming a registered candidate. Therefore, registered constituency associations do not report any expenses in their election financing reports and the only outflows reported are transfers given between January 1, 2004, and General Voting Day; election expenses incurred on behalf of a nominee must be included in the election expenses of that candidate. Total inflows include five components. The first four components include income from January 1, 2004, until the close of voting on General Voting Day (October 28, 2004). Other income is miscellaneous income related to the election only.

**Political contributions** – an amount of money or the value of any property or services provided without compensation by way of donation, advance, deposit, discount or otherwise.

**Fundraising income** – the portion of income from fundraising functions that is not reported as political contributions.

**Transfers received** – non-reciprocal receipts of money, goods or services from a registered political party or a candidate.

**Loans received** – the original amount of loans received for election expenses. Some or all of the loan may have been repaid.

**Other income** – income related to the election from miscellaneous sources.

The only outflows reported by registered constituency associations in election financing reports are:

**Transfers given** – non-reciprocal provision of money, goods or services to a registered political party or a candidate.

## Candidates

The election financing information provided in this report includes both the total inflows and outflows. Total inflows and total outflows may not be equal. One cause of such a difference is when items owned by the candidate prior to the campaign period are used, and therefore reported as election expenses but not as inflows.

**Political contributions** – an amount of money or the value of any property or services provided without compensation by way of donation, advance, deposit, discount or otherwise.

**Fundraising income** – the portion of income from fundraising functions that is not reported as political contributions.

**Transfers received** – non-reciprocal receipts of money, goods or services from a registered political party or a registered constituency association.

**Loans received** – the original amount of loans received. Some or all of the loan may have been repaid.

**Other income** – income from miscellaneous sources such as interest income.

Total outflows are segregated as follows:

**Election expenses subject to limits** – the value of property or services used during a campaign period, by or on behalf of a registered political party, registered constituency association or a candidate to promote or oppose a registered political party or a candidate (e.g. advertising and office expenses). The campaign period is the time between when an election is called and the close of General Voting. The *Election Act* limits the amount a registered political party or candidate can spend on election expenses.

**Election expenses not subject to limits** – election expenses specifically excluded from the election expense limit (e.g. nomination deposit and audit fees). This type of expense is described in section 203 of the *Election Act*.

**Non election expenses** – expenses used outside the campaign period but in relation to the election.

**Transfers given** – non-reciprocal provision of money, goods or services to a registered political party or a registered constituency association.

## Registered election advertising sponsors

The following definitions are relevant to election advertising disclosure reports:

**Election advertising** – advertising used during a campaign period to promote or oppose, directly or indirectly, a candidate or registered political party.

**Contributions** – money provided to a sponsor of election advertising during the period beginning six months before an election is called and ending at the close of voting on General Voting Day.

**Amount of sponsor's assets used** – the value of the sponsor's assets used to pay for election advertising. This amount does not include contributions referred to above.

**Value of election advertising** – the market value of preparing and conducting election advertising.

Under section 244 of the *Election Act*, a registered election advertising sponsor is not required to file an election advertising disclosure report if, during the campaign period, the advertising sponsored did not have a total value of $500 or more. Summaries of disclosure reports for election advertising sponsors who sponsored advertising with a total value of $500 or more are included in this report.

The following election advertising sponsors filed reports indicating that they spent less than $500:

- Confederation of University Faculty Associations of British Columbia
- Construction and Specialized Workers' Union, Local 1611

The remainder of election advertising sponsors registered with Elections BC did not file financial disclosure reports. As they were registered prior to 2004 and no election advertising has come to our attention, Elections BC has assumed that they did not conduct election advertising with a value of $500 or more. A full listing of all registered election advertising sponsors is available on Elections BC's Web site (www.elections.bc.ca).

| Candidates | Shirley Ann Abraham RP | Jagrup Brar NDP | Adriane Carr GP | David James Evans CP | Joe Pal IND | Mary Polak LIB |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | $ | $ | $ | $ | $ | $ |
| **Inflows** | | | | | | |
| **Political Contributions** | | | | | | |
| Individuals | 1,950 | 1,840 | 3,473 | 2,163 | 100 | - |
| Corporations | 100 | 600 | 1,200 | - | - | - |
| Unincorporated business/commercial organizations | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Trade unions | - | 10,000 | - | - | - | - |
| Non-profit organizations | - | 48 | - | 1,500 | - | - |
| Other identifiable contributors | 1,000 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Anonymous contributions | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| **Total Political Contributions** | **3,050** | **12,488** | **4,673** | **3,663** | **100** | **0** |
| Fundraising income | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Other income | - | - | 100 | 5 | - | - |
| **Total Income** | 3,050 | 12,488 | 4,773 | 3,668 | 100 | 0 |
| Transfers received | - | 63,695 | 14,686 | - | - | 158,012 |
| Loans received | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| **Total Inflows** | **3,050** | **76,183** | **19,459** | **3,668** | **100** | **158,012** |
| **Outflows** | | | | | | |
| **Election Expenses** | | | | | | |
| Accounting and audit services | - | 3,500 | 535 | - | - | 2,000 |
| Bad debt expense | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Bank charges | 12 | 14 | 7 | 21 | - | 140 |
| Brochures (pamphlets, flyers, etc.) | 1,087 | 6,465 | 3,861 | 667 | - | 9,671 |
| Candidate's nomination deposit | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Contributions to other organizations | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Convention, workshop and meeting fees, and rentals | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Data processing | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Excess nomination expenses | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Fundraising functions | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Furniture and equipment | - | - | - | - | - | 1,987 |
| Gifts | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Insurance | - | 50 | - | - | - | - |
| Interest expense | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Media advertising | 684 | 6,374 | 3,906 | 1,362 | - | 16,950 |
| Newsletters | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Office rental | - | 3,250 | 1,605 | - | - | 11,089 |
| Office supplies, stationery | 57 | 2,318 | 225 | - | - | 1,313 |
| Personal expenses of candidate | - | - | 2,393 | - | - | - |
| Postage and courier | 472 | 1,768 | - | 40 | - | - |
| Printing | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Professional services | - | - | - | - | - | 29,735 |
| Research and polling | - | - | - | - | - | 45,425 |
| Salaries and benefits | - | 15,264 | 2,500 | - | - | 13,000 |
| Signs (lawn signs, billboards, etc.) | 722 | 11,364 | 850 | 1,175 | - | 7,103 |
| Social functions | - | 1,920 | 416 | - | - | 6,639 |
| Subscriptions and dues | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Telecommunications | - | 1,770 | 645 | - | - | 3,592 |
| Travel | - | 709 | 1,831 | - | - | 103 |
| Utilities and maintenance | - | - | - | - | - | 2,767 |
| Victory/thank-you parties | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Other | - | - | - | 121 | - | - |
| **Total Election Expenses** | **3,134** | **54,866** | **18,874** | **3,486** | **100** | **151,614** |
| Transfers given | - | 214 | - | - | - | - |
| Non election expenses | 159 | 25,425 | 462 | 281 | - | - |
| **Total Outflows** | **3,293** | **80,505** | **19,336** | **3,767** | **100** | **151,614** |
| **Election expenses limit** | **57,038** | **57,038** | **57,038** | **57,038** | **57,038** | **57,038** |
| **Election expenses subject to limit** | **696** | **51,266** | **15,846** | **3,386** | **0** | **55,673** |
| **Election expenses not subject to limit** | **2,438** | **3,600** | **3,028** | **100** | **100** | **95,941** |

| Registered Constituency Associations | Surrey-Panorama Ridge Constituency Association NDP |
|---|---|
| | $ |
| **Inflows** | |
| **Political Contributions** | |
| Individuals | - |
| Corporations | - |
| Unincorporated business/commercial organizations | - |
| Trade unions | - |
| Non-profit organizations | - |
| Other identifiable contributors | - |
| Anonymous contributions | - |
| **Total Political Contributions** | 0 |
| Fundraising income | - |
| Transfers received | 7,042 |
| Loans received | - |
| **Total Inflows** | 7,042 |
| **Transfers Given** | 3,381 |

| Registered Political Parties | British Columbia Conservative Party | British Columbia Liberal Party | Green Party Political Association of British Columbia | New Democratic Party of British Columbia | Reform Party of British Columbia |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | $ | $ | $ | $ | $ |
| **Inflows** | | | | | |
| **Political Contributions** | | | | | |
| Individuals | 1,440 | 1,291,539 | 62,844 | 2,091,891 | 4,617 |
| Corporations | - | 3,031,567 | 649 | 39,105 | - |
| Unincorporated business/commercial organizations | 565,944 | 50 | 2,230 | - | |
| Trade unions | - | 1,196 | - | 359,165 | - |
| Non-profit organizations | - | 9,329 | - | - | - |
| Other identifiable contributors | - | 272,530 | - | 950 | - |
| Anonymous contributions | - | 10,000 | - | 6,759 | - |
| **Total Political Contributions** | **1,440** | **5,182,105** | **63,543** | **2,500,100** | **4,617** |
| Fundraising income | 1,365 | 282,607 | - | 67,184 | - |
| Other income | 1 | 3,109 | 859 | 281,825 | - |
| **Total Income** | **2,806** | **5,467,821** | **64,402** | **2,849,109** | **4,617** |
| Transfers received | - | - | 1,715 | 6,714 | 100 |
| Loans received | - | 775,000 | 29,100 | 300,000 | - |
| **Total Inflows** | **2,806** | **6,242,821** | **95,217** | **3,155,823** | **4,717** |
| **Outflows** | | | | | |
| **Election Expenses** | | | | | |
| Accounting and audit services | - | 19,000 | - | 6,500 | - |
| Bad debt expense | - | - | - | - | - |
| Bank charges | - | - | 91 | - | - |
| Brochures (pamphlets, flyers, etc.) | - | - | - | - | - |
| Contributions to other organizations | - | - | - | - | - |
| Convention, workshop and meeting fees and rentals | - | - | - | - | - |
| Data processing | - | - | - | - | - |
| Fundraising Functions | - | 138,563 | - | 19,716 | - |
| Furniture and equipment | - | - | - | - | - |
| Gifts | - | - | - | - | - |
| Insurance | - | - | - | - | - |
| Interest expense | - | - | - | - | - |
| Media advertising | - | 8,786 | - | 12,651 | - |
| Newsletters | - | - | - | - | - |
| Office rentals | - | - | - | - | - |
| Office supplies, stationary | - | - | 113 | - | - |
| Postage and courier | - | - | 27 | 6,090 | - |
| Printing | - | - | - | 2,816 | - |
| Professional services | - | 8,000 | - | - | - |
| Research and polling | - | 6,260 | - | 5,049 | - |
| Salaries and benefits | - | 3,500 | 2, 225 | 3,910 | - |
| Signs (lawn signs, billboards, etc.) | - | - | - | - | - |
| Social functions | - | - | - | - | - |
| Subscriptions and dues | - | - | - | - | - |
| Telecommunications | - | - | 262 | - | - |
| Travel | - | - | 122 | - | - |
| Utilities and maintenance | - | - | - | - | - |
| Victory/thank-you parties | - | - | - | - | - |
| Other | - | - | - | - | - |
| **Total Election Expenses** | **0** | **184,109** | **2,840** | **56,732** | **0** |
| Transfers given | - | 158,009 | 10,901 | 332,744 | 100 |
| Non Election Expenses | - | 980,962 | - | 46,785 | - |
| **Total Outflows** | **0** | **1,323,080** | **13,741** | **436,261** | **100** |
| **Election expenses limit** | **33,012** | **33,012** | **33,012** | **33,012** | **33,012** |
| **Election expenses subject to limit** | **0** | **27,048** | **262** | **30,516** | **0** |
| **Election expenses not subject to limit** | **0** | **157,061** | **2,578** | **26,216** | **0** |

| Registered Election Advertising Sponsors | British Columbia Federation of Labour | British Columbia Teachers' Federation | Citizens for Public Power Society | Community Business and Professionals Association of Canada | Council of Senior Citizens' Organizations of BC | Surrey Teachers' Association |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | $ | $ | $ | $ | $ | $ |
| **Inflows** | | | | | | |
| **Contributions** | | | | | | |
| Individuals | - | - | 425 | 2,700 | 500 | - |
| Corporations | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Unincorporated businesses/commercial organizations | - | - | - | - | | |
| Trade unions | - | - | - | - | - | 15,470 |
| Non-profit organizations | - | - | - | - | 650 | - |
| Other contributors | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Anonymous contributors | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| **Total Contributions** | **0** | **0** | **425** | **2,700** | **1,150** | **15,470** |
| **Amount of Sponsor's Assets Used** | 31,824 | 404 | - | - | - | 9,378 |
| **Total Inflows** | **31,824** | **404** | **425** | **2,700** | **1,150** | **24,848** |
| **Outflows** | | | | | | |
| **Advertising by Category** | | | | | | |
| Brochures | - | - | 24 | - | - | 17,724 |
| Newspapers | 18,937 | - | 1,348 | 2,600 | 1,150 | - |
| Radio | - | 404 | - | - | - | 5,075 |
| Signs | - | - | 739 | - | - | 1,729 |
| Television | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Other | 12,887 | - | 2,101 | - | - | 320 |
| **Total Advertising Expenses** | **31,824** | **404** | **4,212** | **2,600** | **1,150** | **24,848** |

# Elections BC by-election expenses

## Central office expenses

| Expense Categories | $ |
|---|---|
| Salaries | 101,234 |
| Travel | 1,672 |
| Information technology | 22,660 |
| General office services/supplies | 6,310 |
| Where to Vote Information Cards (printing/postal) | 16,110 |
| Advertising | 80,032 |
| **Total** | **228,018** |

## District electoral office expenses

| Expense Categories | $ |
|---|---|
| District Electoral Officer fees | 13,450 |
| Deputy District Electoral Officer fees | 11,175 |
| Voting official fees | 76,930 |
| Registration clerk fees | 5,763 |
| Support staff salaries | 20,401 |
| Travel | 2,301 |
| Information technology | 2,883 |
| General office services/supplies | 10,528 |
| Ballot printing | 4,579 |
| Voting place rental | 9,000 |
| Office rental | 9,300 |
| **Total** | **166,310** |

| | |
|---|---|
| **Total election expenses** | **394,328** |

| | |
|---|---|
| **Number of Registered Voters on General Voting Day:** | **24,197** |
| **Cost Per Registered Voter:** | **$16.30** |

## Orders of the Chief Electoral Officer

Under section 280 of the *Election Act*, the Chief Electoral Officer may, by specific or general order, make exceptions to this Act and the regulations under this Act in accordance with the purposes of this Act if, in the opinion of the Chief Electoral Officer, this is necessary because of an emergency, a mistake or extraordinary circumstances in relation to proceedings under this Act. The Chief Electoral Officer must also report on an order and the circumstances under which it was made.

There were two orders made by the Chief Electoral Officer relating to the Surrey-Panorama Ridge by-election.

### Order number: ORD003/2004

#### Circumstances in which order is made

A voter requested a voting package from the district electoral office of the Surrey-Panorama Ridge electoral district in order to vote under section 106 of the *Election Act*. The voter was issued an Alternative Absentee Voting Package which contained the incorrect certification envelope. In accordance with section 106 of the Act, the voter must complete a certification envelope with the required information and sign the declaration printed on it. This declaration must be signed by a witness.

The envelope provided to the voter did not contain a space for a witness signature. As a result, the voter was unable to complete the certification envelope as required by the Act. According to section 134(1)(a), a certification envelope must remain unopened and any ballot in it must not be considered in final count if the envelope is not completed as required by the Act.

In my opinion, these circumstances make the following order necessary.

#### Application of order

This order applies to Violet Irene Newell.

#### Exception provided by order

Despite section 134(1)(a) of the *Election Act*, the certification envelope used by the voter to vote in the by-election for the Surrey-Panorama Ridge electoral district shall be opened and the ballot in it considered on final count.

## Order number: ORD001/2005

### Circumstances in which order is made

One candidate has formally requested an extension to the January 26, 2005 deadline for filing with the Chief Electoral Officer the candidate's election financing report for the October 28, 2004 by-election in the Surrey-Panorama Ridge electoral district.

Due to the extraordinary circumstance of the illness of the auditor, the candidates' financial agent is unable to file the required report by January 26, 2005.

In my opinion, these circumstances make the following order necessary.

### Application of order

In accordance with the following Schedule, the candidate noted below is granted an extension to file her election financing report for the Surrey-Panorama Ridge by-election by the close of business (4:30 p.m. Pacific time) on the following date:

Adrian Carr, February 28, 2005.

### Exception provided by order

Despite section 209 of the *Election Act*, the following exceptions are made in relation to the candidate named above:

(a) the financial agent for the candidate noted above is not subject to the requirements under section 209(1) to file the election financing report with the Chief Electoral Officer by January 26, 2005 for the Surrey-Panorama Ridge by-election.

(b) the financial agent for the candidate being granted the extension must file with the Chief Electoral Officer the report required by section 209(1) by the date set out above in 'Application of order.'